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## Unique items, gifts now available at Red Barn Holiday Marketplace

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Anyone looking to buy some one-of-a-kind gifts for the holidays have a major opportunity in Kirksville over the next few days.

The Kirksville Arts Association has opened its Red Barn Holiday Marketplace, with a wide variety of art pieces and items for sale.

The holiday market is hosted inside the Sue Ross Arts Center in downtown Kirksville. It is open on Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will also be open from Dec. 7 to Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is the second year of the holiday market. It started last year since the usual Red Barn Arts & Crafts Festival was canceled due to the pandemic. Last year's market was kept small to limit the number of people inside, and allowed local artists to sell items they had been unable to for most of the year. "We thought if we had a scaled down arts and crafts show at the arts center over the course of two weeks, that we could do it in a manner that was safe, and provide the artists and crafters an opportunity to sell their work," said Linda Treasure, president of the Kirksville Arts Association. "And it



Hand-crafted gourds made by Janet Bratcher Gourds. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

was an opportunity for people to buy gifts for the holiday."

There were five vendors last year, kept on the second floor of the arts center since an exhibit was being hosted. With the idea to increase the market this year, the arts association surveyed vendors during this year's Red Barn.

"The vendors who participated (last year) were really pleased with the results," Treasure said. "Everyone seemed to enjoy it, so we

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Some of the segmented bowls and vases made by Gibson Woodworking. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS



A nurse fills a syringe with COVID-19 vaccine at a mass vaccination site in Kansas City, Mo., Friday, March 19, 2021. AP PHOTO/ORLIN WAGNER

## Missouri allocated \$11M for vaccine gift cards. Most health departments said no thanks

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Missouri Independent

As the delta variant ran rampant this summer, Missouri officials pleaded with the federal government to allow a \$100 gift card program to incentivize COVID-19 vaccines.

But months later, just 20 of the 115 eligible local health departments have opted into the vaccine incentive program, an investigation by The Missouri Independent and the Documenting COVID-19 project has found.

Less than \$1.8 million of the \$11 million allocated for the initiative has been distributed.

And while the exact number of gift cards handed out is unclear, several of the departments that opted in say they've only handed out a fraction of the upwards of 15,000 gift cards that could be purchased.

One additional department may participate in the program; their participation is pending as of Wednesday.

In Adair County, just 15 of the estimated 740 cards had been used as of mid-November. Less than a quarter of the 272 gift cards the Joplin City Health Department was approved for have been distributed. Adair, Knox, Schuyler and Clark counties were the only counties in northeastern Missouri to opt into the gift card program.

And in the most visible success story, in hard-hit Springfield and Greene County, many of the nearly 1,000 gift cards issued went to children between the ages of 5 and 11 — not the vaccine-skeptical adults the program was originally intended for.

Missouri's experience with vaccine incentives is mirrored in dozens of other states that have experimented with cash lotteries: The programs' net impact on vaccination rates have been low, experts say, and initiatives have been met with distrust from some communities who view the incentives as a form of government-sponsored bribery or worse.

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## Kirksville police searching for man charged in shooting

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The Kirksville Police Department is looking for a man who has received two charges following a weekend shooting.

Kevin Whittom, 45, was charged in Adair County Court this week with first-degree assault and armed criminal action after he is believed to have shot a 22-year-old man on Nov. 27. A release from the police department says it has been unable to find Whittom.

He is described as 5-foot-11, 200 pounds, with brown hair and hazel eyes. He has a half sleeve tattoo with a wolf

on his right arm, a dragon tattoo on his chest, and a tattoo on his left shoulder with an eagle and rebel flag. He also may be driving a black Ford Explorer with Missouri license plate LC8M5V.

Whittom should be considered armed and dangerous, and the public is asked not to approach him.

According to the department's release, it responded to a call of shots fired on Nov. 27 at Centennial and Elizabeth streets. About 40 minutes later, the department was called to Northeast Regional Medical Center for a male with a gunshot wound.

Court documents say the man who was shot, Austin Penn, and another man went to Whittom's residence to confront him about him about a past issue. Whittom answered the door quickly with a handgun in his hand. Penn told Whittom, "You aren't gonna (expletive) shoot me." Penn took a step toward Whittom and Whittom fired one shot, not hitting Penn. Whittom kept firing and Penn was struck in the back of the leg as he ran away. He has been treated and released from NRMC.

Whittom has previous felonies, so he's not legally allowed to own guns. He also



KEVIN WHITTOM

has a history of attempting to harm people with a firearm.

Anyone with information about this incident, or any suspicious activity is encouraged to contact the Kirksville Police Department at 660.785.6945, Central Dispatch at 660.665.5621, Adair County Sheriff's Office at 660.665.4600, anonymously at 660.627.BUST (2878), or email police@kirksvillecity.com.

## Kirksville school district selects featured teachers for October

Daily Express staff

The Kirksville R-III School District is beginning to highlight teachers in the district for their hard work.

These featured teachers of each month receive a complimentary lunch, as well as a framed certificate and "Lesson from Geese" lapel pin. The geese moniker comes from the birds being highly successful in their flight patterns when doing so together in the V-formation.

One person is selected from each building in the district.

These are the teachers chosen for October.

**Michele Thurlo, business education teacher, Kirksville Area Tech Center**

Thurlo has been teaching business for 19 years, starting in the Milan C-II School District for the first 18. This is her first year teaching in Kirksville at the tech center.

**April Johnson, science teacher, Kirksville High School**

Johnson graduated from Truman State in 2016 with a degree in agriculture, then returned to the university in 2017 to get her

masters in teaching. She began teaching in Milan but is now in her second year in Kirksville.

**Janie Corbett, sixth grade language arts, William Matthew Middle School**

Corbett started at the middle school in 2009 as a secretary for the counseling office. She then pursued a teaching degree and joined the middle school's STAR Team in 2014 as an English teacher and team leader.

**Charmaine Bunch, third grade teacher, Ray Miller Elementary School**

Bunch is a Kirksville native who graduated from KHS in

2012. She attended Truman State and received a degree in history, then getting her teaching certificate from Central Methodist University. She is also working on a masters from Northwest Missouri State. Bunch served as a paraprofessional in the district for two years and as a teacher for the last two.

**Amy Feeney, kindergarten teacher, Kirksville Primary School**

Feeney began her teaching career as a preschool teacher at an area head start program. After getting her bachelors de-

gree, she is now in her 21st year teaching in public school. Ten of those years have been in the Kirksville R-III district.

**Lynn Kizzire, preschool teacher, Early Childhood Learning Center**

Kizzire is a LEAP teacher at the ECLC. After graduating from Missouri State, she has taught for 22 years. This is her seventh year at the ECLC. The Early Childhood Learning Center motto is "Whatever it takes, our children are worth it!" and she feels that is evident in the school.

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# New Daily Express website is now live

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KirksvilleDailyExpress.com has a new look.

The new Kirksville Daily Express website officially went

live on Dec. 1.

This was pretty much the last major change as the Daily Express completes its ownership change as part of Phillips Media. Old content has been ported over to the new website, though

there may be some hiccups with previous stories still trickling into the system.

One key update is the “send us your news” tab on the top of the page, which is an easy way for you to send us wedding

announcements, letters to the editor, and a variety of other items.

There may also be some growing pains on our end as we also adjust to using a new system. So it might take some

time before we’re using the new website to the best of its availability.

Poke around and see what you think of the new site. And, as always, let us know if you have any questions.

## Jan. 6 panel votes to hold former DOJ official in contempt

Mary Clare Jalonick  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House panel investigating the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol insurrection voted Wednesday to pursue contempt charges against Jeffrey Clark, a former Justice Department official who refused to answer the committee’s questions — but the panel agreed to let him come back for another try.

The committee voted 9-0 to pursue criminal charges against Clark, who aligned with Donald Trump ahead of the violent attack as the then-president tried to overturn his election defeat. Clark appeared for a deposition last month but refused to be interviewed, citing Trump’s legal efforts to block the committee’s investigation.

The Democratic chairman of the Jan. 6 panel, Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, said it had re-

ceived a last-minute notification from Clark’s lawyer that he now wants to invoke his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. Thompson said the lawyer had offered “no specific basis for that assertion” and “no facts that would allow the committee to consider it,” but the committee will give Clark a second chance at a deposition scheduled for Saturday.

“This is, in my view, a last-ditch attempt to delay the Select Committee’s proceedings,” Thompson said. “However, a Fifth Amendment privilege assertion is a weighty one. Even though Mr. Clark previously had the opportunity to make these claims on the record, the Select Committee will provide him another chance to do so.”

Thompson said the committee was still proceeding with the contempt vote “as this is just the first step of the contempt process.”

The recommendation of

criminal contempt charges against Clark will now go to the full House for a vote, though that is expected to be delayed until after the Saturday deposition. If the House votes to hold Clark in contempt, the Justice Department will then decide whether to prosecute.

Republican Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, the panel’s vice chairwoman, said the committee would consider accepting Clark’s assertion of his Fifth Amendment rights if Clark says he believes that answering questions about his interactions with Trump and others could incriminate him.

“It is important to note, however, that Mr. Clark is not excused from testifying simply because President Trump is trying to hide behind inapplicable claims of executive privilege,” Cheney said.

Trump, who told his supporters to “fight like hell” the morning of Jan. 6, has

sued to block the committee’s work and has attempted to assert executive privilege over documents and interviews, arguing that his private conversations and actions at the time should be shielded from public view. As the current officeholder, President Joe Biden has so far rejected Trump’s claims.

In a transcript of Clark’s aborted Nov. 5 interview released by the panel Tuesday, staff and members of the committee attempted to persuade the former Justice Department official to answer questions about his role as Trump pushed the department to investigate his false allegations of widespread fraud in the election. Clark had become an ally of the former president as other Justice officials pushed back on the baseless claims.

But Clark’s attorney, Harry MacDougald, said during the interview that Trump was protected not only by Trump’s assertions of executive privilege but also by several other privileges MacDougald claimed Clark should be afforded. The committee rejected those arguments, and MacDougald and Clark walked out of the interview after around 90 minutes of discussions.

According to a report earlier this year by the Senate Judiciary Committee, which interviewed several of Clark’s colleagues, Trump’s pressure on the Justice Department culminated in a dramatic White House meeting at which the president ruminated about elevating Clark to attorney general. He did not

do so after several aides threatened to resign.

Despite Trump’s false claims about a stolen election — the primary motivation for the violent mob that broke into the Capitol and interrupted the certification of Biden’s victory — the results were confirmed by state officials and upheld by the courts. Trump’s own attorney general, William Barr, said in December 2020 that the Justice Department found no evidence of widespread fraud that could have changed the results.

Thompson wrote in Clark’s subpoena that the committee’s probe “has revealed credible evidence that you attempted to involve the Department of Justice in efforts to interrupt the peaceful transfer of power” and his efforts “risked involving the Department of Justice in actions that lacked evidentiary foundation and threatened to subvert the rule of law.”

Lawmakers on the Jan. 6 panel have vowed to hold any witness who doesn’t comply in contempt as they investigate the worst attack on the Capitol in two centuries. On Wednesday, Thompson said Clark has left them with no other choice.

“He chose this path,” Thompson said. “He knew what consequences he might face if he did so. This committee and this House must insist on accountability in the face of that sort of defiance.”

The Justice Department has signaled it is willing to pursue the committee’s contempt charges, indict-

ing longtime Trump ally Steve Bannon earlier this month on two counts of criminal contempt.

Attorney General Merrick Garland said then that Bannon’s indictment reflects the department’s “steadfast commitment” to the rule of law after Bannon outright defied a subpoena from the committee and refused to cooperate.

Clark’s case could be more complicated since he did appear for his deposition and, unlike Bannon, was a Trump administration official on Jan. 6. But members of the committee argued that Clark had no basis to refuse questioning, especially since they intended to ask about some matters that didn’t involve direct interactions with Trump and wouldn’t fall under the former president’s claims of executive privilege.

The committee had also considered a seeking contempt against a third witness, former White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows, but held off this week after Meadows agreed to cooperate with the panel on a limited basis. The former Republican congressman from North Carolina has now provided some documents to the panel and is expected to sit for a deposition as soon as next week, though his lawyer has indicated he will decline to answer specific questions about his conversations with the president.

Thompson said Meadows has provided documents to the panel and will soon be interviewed, but the committee “will continue to assess his degree of compliance.”



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decided that it is a good way to end the calendar year, doing a holiday marketplace.”

They then invited certain vendors, that way there weren't multiple people selling the same thing. So there are 12 vendors selling a wide variety of items.

There is Janet Bratcher Gourds, who won Red Barn's Best in Show in 2021 and 2019. She carves and paints gourds into works of art that are so bright and colorful, you wouldn't think they were a plant.

Gary Gibson from Edina's Gibson Woodworking makes segmented bowls and vases. He takes several different woods and pieces them together for

some rather striking bowls. Some of them feature more than 200 pieces. He doesn't stain them at all but uses a finish that makes all of the colors pop.

Pamela Schell Recycled Glass takes dishes and mounts them onto rebar to create luminescent pieces for gardens. She won Red Barn's first-time exhibitor award earlier this year.

Other vendors include Linda Colton (baskets), Barb Fitzgerald (quilts), Maureen McHale (photography prints), David Walker (cork and antler sculptures), Robin White (crafts and home decor), the Missouri Dulcimer Company (hand-crafted dulcimers), Cassidy Miller (clay earrings), the Splintered Spool (quilts and various home items) and Chalk Couture (chalk signs

and home decor).

Treasure said items range from \$3 to \$400, so any budget can find something at the market.

“It's all Missouri-made, it's all hand-crafted, unique items. It's not commercially produced,” Treasure said. “Maybe I'm biased, but I think when you receive a hand-crafted gift, it's really special. It wasn't made on a machine in a foreign country, it was from the person who made it, to you.”

She said the hope is to grow the market next year to encompass both floors of the Sue Ross Arts Center.

“Out of adversity, you come up with a new idea,” Treasure said. “I think if we hadn't had to cancel Red Barn in 2020, we probably never would've



Some of the Christmas-themed home decor pieces made by Chalk Couture. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

thought about doing this holiday marketplace. So it is kind of fun, and I'm hoping that next

year, we can be on both floors of the arts center and have more vendors.”

## VACCINES

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In Carter County, in the Ozarks, opposition to the program was so fierce that a planned vaccination drive with the gift cards was canceled.

“So many parents and community members were upset, we were not allowed to hold the vaccination event at the school,” said Michelle Walker, the county health center administrator, adding that they had successfully hosted three previous COVID-19 vaccine clinics with the school district.

Since Sept. 30, just 85 gift cards have been issued out of the 396 the county received funding to purchase.

The actual logistics of the incentive program, which was first announced in late July, fell to local public health agencies across the state.

About \$752,200 has been issued to purchase the gift cards, along with over \$990,000 to cover operational costs for the agencies, Lisa Cox, a spokeswoman for the state health department, said Wednesday.

State officials had high hopes for the gift card program.

Former acting Department of Health and Senior Services Director Robert Knodell wrote in a mid-July email, obtained through an open records request, that the program would “take a big swing at hesitancy.” Missouri leaders urged federal officials to allow for the \$100 maximum cash program, rather than a previously-announced cap of \$25.

Now, as concerns over the omicron variant first identified in South Africa prompt renewed calls for vaccination drives, the impact of the ongoing incentive program at a local level seems minimal — at best.

In a statement Wednesday, Cox said DHSS knows monetary incentives are not “the silver bullet” that will persuade every Missourian to get vaccinated, but it's an available tool worth using.

“For those it is impacting, the vaccination may have saved their life or the life of a loved one. Every person vaccinated lessens the opportunity for the virus to spread further,” Cox said. “We will never truly know the full impact of incentives and other efforts to encourage widespread vaccination. It can't hurt to try.”

Representatives for the governor's office and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention did not respond to requests for comment regarding the incentive program's impact and whether efforts will be taken to boost participation.

### 'A complete nightmare'

For dozens of health departments that didn't opt into the program, officials said distributing

the gift cards would have been an additional task that already-overwhelmed staffers simply couldn't handle. It was a burden that some local health departments warned state officials of back in August when they expressed early concerns with the program.

“If the state had made it an easier process for us at the local level, it would've been great. But we were going to have to do all the purchasing of gift cards and the keeping track of everything, and it was just going to be a complete nightmare,” said Kandra Counts, the administrator of the Shannon County Health Department in southern Missouri, later adding: “We can barely keep up with COVID cases, let alone manage a program like that.”

For some, it was simply an issue of timing. While the local incentive program was first announced in late July, it didn't get off the ground until after federal approval for a \$100-maximum for gift card incentives was finalized in August. From there, departments still had to have their plans approved by the state and receive the funds to purchase gift cards.

With funding for the incentive program ending Dec. 31, the time it would take to receive approval from both the state and the Columbia City Council would only allow about a month for the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services to implement the program, said spokeswoman Sara Humm. Gift cards already received can still be issued past Dec. 31, local health departments said.

Others expressed skepticism about whether the cards could truly make a dent in Missouri's stubbornly-low vaccination rate, which is just above 51% and ranks among the bottom 15 states in the country.

Nationwide, unvaccinated Americans are “disproportionately Republican,” according to surveys from the Kaiser Family Foundation and other research organizations, said Ashley Kirzinger, an associate director for the foundation's public opinion and survey research team. As a result, public health departments in conservative areas — such as rural Missouri — may believe vaccine incentive programs would have limited impact in their communities, she said.

“People don't want to feel unfairly pressured to get a vaccine,” she said. “So a public health department trying to maintain credibility with its community may not want to feel like they are coming off as pushing something that a large segment of their immediate population thinks is unsafe.”

Health agencies that chose not to participate in the gift card program

echoed the concern.

“County taxpayers have expressed that that's not where they wanted their tax dollars to go,” said a spokesperson from Jasper County's health department. “So we chose not to (opt in).”

Perhaps even more problematic for the program is the perception that the gift cards could be viewed as a form of bribery.

In Knox County, in northeast Missouri, many of the doses administered this fall have been booster shots, said administrator Lori Moots-Clair, and just 156 gift cards have been distributed. On their own, the cards have not made a significant difference in motivating people to get vaccinated — and might have pushed some people away, Moots-Clair said.

“I can't say that people are spreading the word and coming in and saying, ‘Hey, I want that card,’” she said. “If anything, it made people appear angry when we first started giving them out.”

In nearby Clark County, health department administrator Evelena Sutterfield's desire to both increase her county's vaccination rate and direct the funds locally outweighed the pushback from locals.

“There were a lot (of people) that felt it was a bribe, and people that have already been vaccinated that they weren't going to get it,” Sutterfield said. “So I have a lot of people in my community that were upset that we did this.”

### Mixed success

Among the 20 local health agencies that opted into the gift card program and have already received funding, some found that the incentives were, in fact, pushing people to get their COVID-19 shots — though confusion abounded about topics such as booster shots and eligibility for children.

Out of at least 1,700 gift cards that The Independent and Documenting COVID-19 project's survey found were distributed, 991 were distributed by the Springfield-Greene County Health Department — many of them at a vaccine event on November 20.

“Based on our experience, there's no question that this \$50 is making a big difference and motivating people to get their vaccines now,” Cara Erwin, communications and outreach manager at the Springfield-Greene County Health Department, said during an interview the Monday following the events.

Many Springfield residents vaccinated at the events were children in the 5 to 11 age range who had recently become eligible for Pfizer shots, Erwin said. But some parents and grandparents of those 5 to 11-year-olds who hadn't received the shots also came in to get their first doses.

In addition to the gift cards, the department auctioned off \$15,000 in prizes for newly vaccinated residents, donated by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

Like Springfield, in Adair County, the health department has paired its gift card program with a drawing for four winners to each receive \$250 that was funded by private donation. For every 10 new participants in the incentive program, another drawing will be held. For Jim LeBaron, the administrator of the health department, it's worth trying anything that could spur an uptick in vaccinations.

“If we get 10, 20, 25, 50 people that get vaccinated because of the incentive program, I think it's worth it,” LeBaron said.

Health departments are permitted to give away \$50 gift cards when county residents get their first or second COVID-19 shots, but not booster shots.

Washington County has distributed 267 gift cards to newly vaccinated residents as of Nov. 22. Department administrator Shawnee Douglas said the cards have been helpful, particularly in motivating younger residents. But she wishes she could also distribute the cards to people receiving their booster shots.

“It's just kind-of sour,” Douglas said, of not being able to offer gift cards to those getting a booster. “And I get that. I don't like it either.”

Vaccine incentives can serve as a form of stimulus payments for Americans, said Armando Meier, a research fellow at the University of Lausanne in Switzerland who contributed to a study showing that vaccine incentives had a positive impact for a Swedish population.

The payments both contribute to public health goals and promote spending in the local economy, he said. This was true for some of Missouri's health agencies, which purchased gift cards from local businesses.

“It's not simply about avoiding hospitalizations and deaths,” Meier said, “but actually that this money is useful for people anyway.”

In Washington County, the health agency obtained gift cards through the local chamber of commerce. About 68% of cards were for local grocery stores and the remaining 32% were for local gas stations.

“I'm hoping [the gift cards] will also help promote our local businesses and support them instead of just going into some big conglomerate like Walmart,” Douglas said.

In Dent County, more than two thirds of students in some of its school districts were enrolled in free-and-reduced price lunch in 2020, according to state data. With food insecurity an issue facing

the area, the health department decided to select a locally-owned grocery store, Country Mart, for its gift cards, said Zachary Moser, the department's administrator.

Out of the 532 gift cards the department received funding for, about 110 gift cards have been given out as of Nov. 15, Moser said. He hasn't heard anyone cite the gift card as the catalyst for getting vaccinated, but he thinks it helped tip the scale in that direction for some.

“Most of the time, people's concerns are not something that's going to be overcome by \$100,” Moser said. “But I do think that as a measure of mitigating the impact overall of COVID, I think it's a big deal. We had a lot of people lose income and all that from the pandemic, and so I think this will go a little ways to at least helping us recover from that as well.”

Similarly, the Clinton County Health Department, which received enough funding for 250 gift cards, is at the “kitchen sink” phase of their vaccine rollout, said department administrator Blair Shock. Shock and his colleagues are trying to do anything to convince people to take a shot. Of the more than 80 COVID-19 deaths in the county, all but one were among residents who weren't fully vaccinated, he said.

“We're not pushing this because it's our job. We're not pushing this because we're toeing the line here. We're pushing this simply because this is our community,” Shock said, “and we want to reduce the amount of suffering and the amount of death that we see within the community.”

### Missouri fits into national pattern

Ohio was the first state to implement a lottery for vaccinated residents, back in May. The “Vax-a-Million” lottery appeared to drive an uptick in vaccinations, which was touted by state and national leaders.

But Ohio's lottery was not as successful as it seemed, researchers found in a study published in The Journal of the American Medical Association in July.

Two days before the announcement of the new Ohio lottery, the Pfizer vaccine was approved for children ages 12 and 15 and the Ohio lottery's perceived success was likely influenced “by the nearly simultaneous release of the vaccine to adolescents,” said Dr. Allan Walkey, an associate professor of medicine at Boston University and the lead author of the study.

The lottery, simply put, “didn't have a large effect on vaccine uptake,” Walkey said in an interview.

Other states' lotteries similarly have not had a substantial impact on vac-

ination. A study examining trends in 19 states found that after governments announced new cash lottery programs, any increase in vaccination rate was “very small in magnitude and statistically indistinguishable from zero.”

Though vaccinations increased during the summer in states like Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana, it's difficult for researchers to attribute these increases to vaccine incentive programs when the delta surge was devastating healthcare systems.

In late July, a Bloomberg analysis found that the under-vaccinated counties facing delta were most likely to see an uptick in people going to get their first doses.

“The increase in cases and concerns about filling ICUs, and knowing someone that got really sick, or perhaps died — all of those seem to have a much bigger impact on people's vaccine intentions” compared to cash incentives, said Kirzinger, the Kaiser Family Foundation polling expert.

In its surveys, the foundation divides unvaccinated Americans into “wait and see,” “only if required,” and “definitely not” categories. Incentives may be a measure to help convince the “wait and see” and “only if required” groups to get their shots, Kirzinger said, but the “definitely not” group is less likely to come around — especially as vaccination becomes increasingly tied to political polarization.

While Gov. Mike Parsons and DHSS Director Don Kauerauf have called the state's now-concluded vaccine lottery successful, the program coincided with the delta surge, making it difficult to evaluate.

More than 656,200 Missouri residents entered to win the state's vaccine lottery, which ended in October and offered \$10,000 prizes. But of the nearly 617,000 adults that entered, only 9%, or 57,117, got vaccinated after the lottery had been announced, according to DHSS figures.

Those 57,117 Missourians represent less than 1% of the state population.

Just over half of the state's population is fully vaccinated as of Dec. 1, according to the state's COVID-19 dashboard. It's about 8% lower than the full vaccination rate for the U.S. as a whole and it puts Missouri in the bottom quarter for vaccination rates nationwide.

With lower vaccination rates, Missouri will likely have a more difficult time beating back new variants, Kauerauf told St. Louis Public Radio last month. He hopes to see Missouri's vaccination rate rise to 75%.

“People may laugh at me for thinking it's even possible, but I hope so,” Kauerauf said. “I hope we can get there.”

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to all qualified voters of the LaPlata Community fire Protection District that a general election will be held on Tuesday, April 05, 2022, for the purpose of electing the following:

**ONE FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM**

Filing for this position will be taken beginning at 8:00 am December 7, 2021, and will close at 4:00 pm on December 28, 2021. Filings will be taken by the LaPlata City Clerk, located at LaPlata city Hall at 113 S Gex, LaPlata, MO. Candidates must be at least twenty-five years of age and have lived in the district for at least one year.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Kirksville R-III School District**  
**Notice of School Board Candidate Filing**

The Kirksville R-III School District encourages qualified persons interested in running for a position on the School Board to file to be a candidate in the April 5, 2022, election. Interested persons may file at the Superintendent's Office located at 1901 East Hamilton Street, Kirksville, Missouri. For more information contact Mr. Robert Webb, Superintendent at 660-665-8658.

Filing will begin on December 7, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. and will continue during the district's regular business hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Except for the first and last day of filing, filing will not occur on days that the school district's central offices are closed due to inclement weather. If in the event of closure due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, candidates should call 660-665-8658 or email [kpanos@kirksville.k12.mo.us](mailto:kpanos@kirksville.k12.mo.us). Filing will also not occur on the following holidays and breaks when the school district's central offices are closed: December 23, 24, 2021. Filing will end on December 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. There are two positions available with three-year terms.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI, AT KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI**

In Re: the Marriage of )  
SHANOA DAWN ZELAYA and )  
SALVADOR ZELAYA )  
SHANOA DAWN ZELAYA )  
Petitioner. )  
vs. )  
SALVADOR ZELAYA )  
Respondent. )

Case No.

**NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**  
The State of Missouri to Respondent, Salvador Zelaya.

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri, at Kirksville, the object and general nature of which is a dissolution of marriage to Petitioner.

This action also affects the following described property:

The names of all parties to said suit are stated above in the caption hereof and the name and address of the Attorney for Petitioner is Barry V. Cundiff, P.O. Box 7546, Kirksville, Missouri 63501.

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleadings or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after the date of first publication, judgment by default will be rendered against you. This notice was first published on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021

Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021

Linda Decker, Adair County Circuit Clerk

**IN THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, ADAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI**  
Judge or Division: KRISTIE JEAN SWAIM  
Case Number: 21AR-PR00119  
In the Estate of SHARON KAY BAKER, Deceased.  
Notice of Letters Testamentary Granted (Supervised Administration)

On November 15, 2021, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of SHARON KAY BAKER, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Adair County, Missouri. The name, business address, and phone number of the personal representative is:

Kerry P. Baker, 9519 North Kensington Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64156

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

Wallace W. Trosen, 1 Crown Drive, Suite 102, P.O. Box 267, Kirksville, MO 63501, 660-665-4070

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law. Such six-month period and such two-month period do not extend the limitation period that would bar claims one year after the decedent's death, as provided in Section 473.444, RSMo, or any other applicable limitation periods. Nothing in Section 473.033, RSMo, shall be construed to bar any action against a decedent's liability insurance carrier through a defendant ad litem pursuant to Section 537.021, RSMo. Date of the decedent's death: March 4, 2021 Date of first publication: November 20, 2021

Linda Decker  
Adair County Circuit Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

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ADAIR COUNTY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FILING

The Adair County R-II (Brashear) School District encourages qualified persons interested in running for a position on the School Board to file to be a candidate in the April 5, 2022 general municipal election. Interested persons may file at the superintendent's office located at 205 West Dewey Street, Brashear, Missouri. For more information contact Josh Brummit, Superintendent at 660-323-5272.

Filing will begin on December 7, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. and will continue during the district's regular business hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Except for the first and last day of filing, filing will not occur on days that the school district's office is closed due to inclement weather. Filing will also not occur December 20, 2021 thru December 27, 2021 due to the district's office being closed for the holidays. Filing will end on December 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

There are two positions available with three-year terms and one position available with a one-year term.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARINGS

Adair County budget hearings will begin December 20, 2021 and will continue through January 24, 2022. The final budget hearing will be January 24, 2022 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Adair County Clerk's Temporary Office located at 311 N Elson St., Kirksville, Missouri. The proposed budget will be available for public review starting January 10, 2022 at the Adair County Clerk's Temporary Office. If you have input for consideration please bring it forward to the County Commission.

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND  
DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES FILING

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an election for the directorships of Sub-Districts No. 4 & 5 of Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Adair County will be held on April 5, 2022. There are two positions open, one for each directorship. Anyone desiring to file for either of said directorships may do so on or after 8:00 a.m. December 7, 2021 and up to December 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the offices of Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Adair County at 1120 North Green Street in the City of Kirksville, Missouri. Residents of Sub-Districts 4 & 5 are qualified, excluding residents of Kirksville, Brashear, and Novinger, if they are otherwise qualified to vote, have resided in Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Adair County, Missouri, for at least one whole year prior to the election date, are at least 25 years of age, and are not delinquent in the payment of any taxes.

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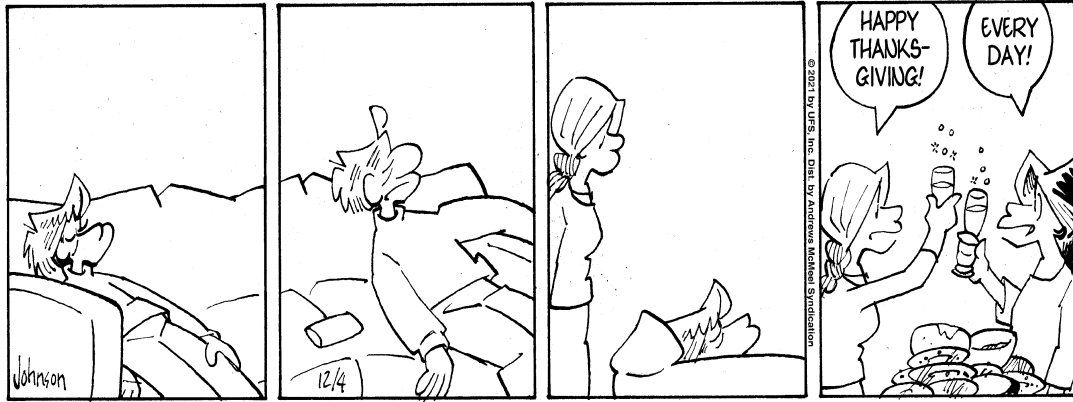


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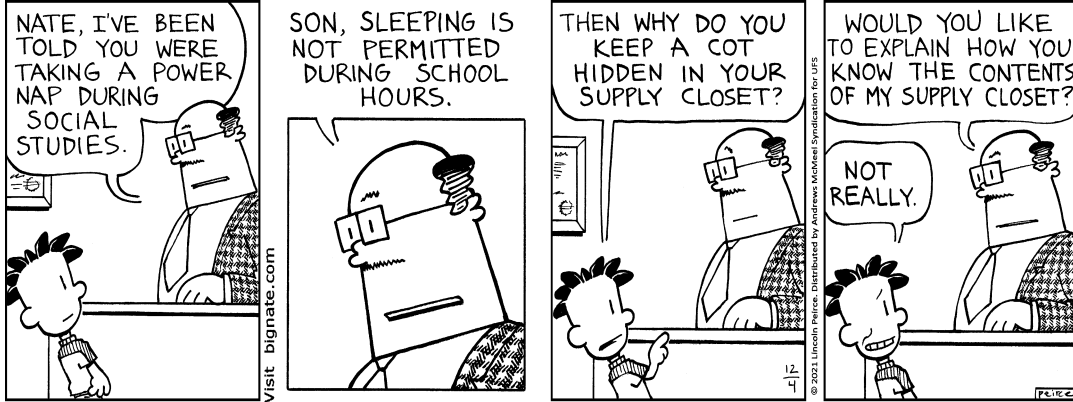
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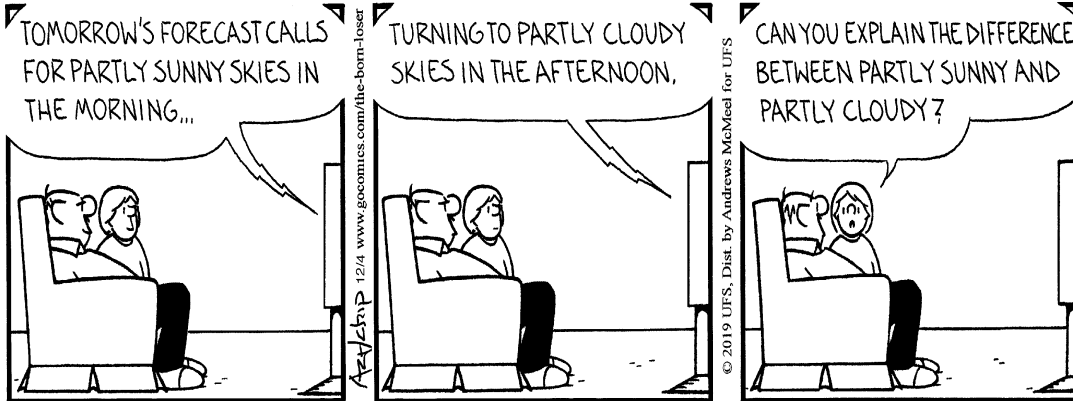
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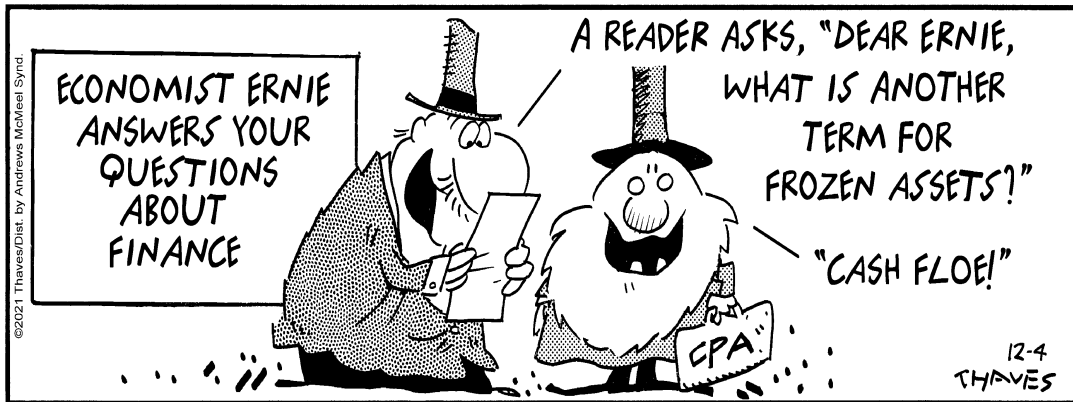
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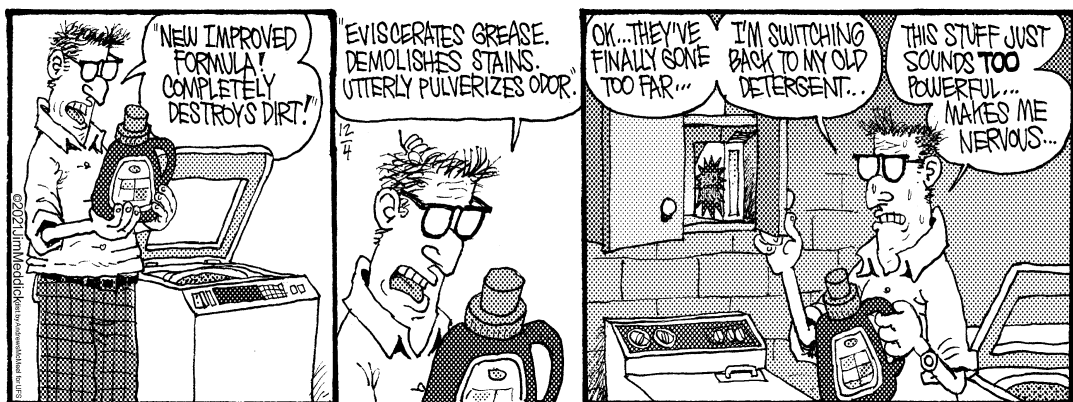
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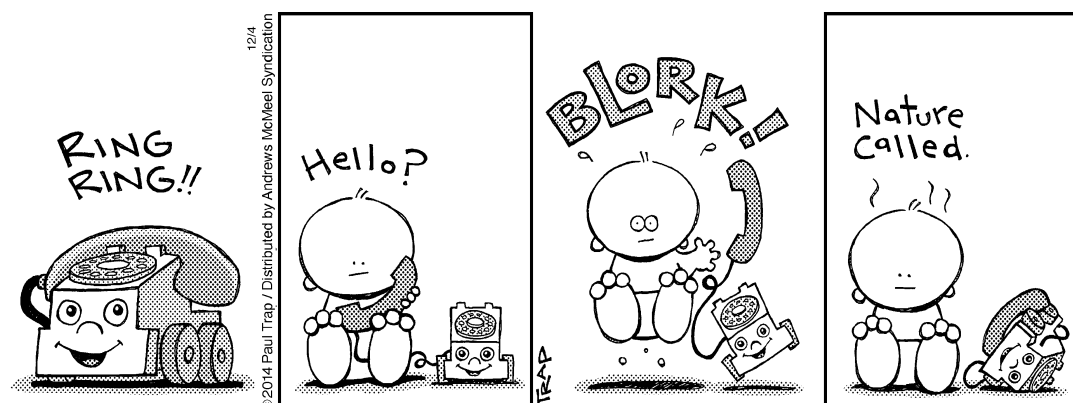
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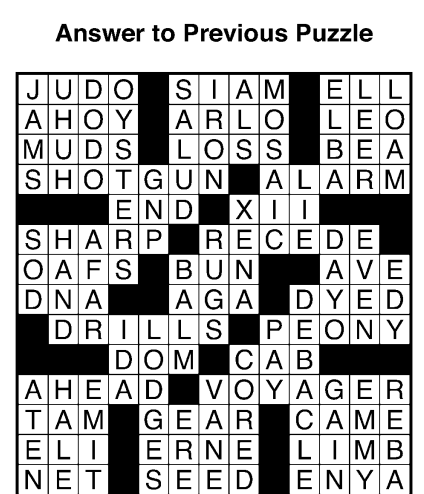
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**PREVIOUS ANSWER**

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7	8	6	3	2	4	5	9	1
5	3	9	8	6	1	2	4	7

**CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Nope opposite
  - 4 Jumps
  - 8 Munitions
  - 12 Rower's need
  - 13 Roasting chamber
  - 14 Give a big smile
  - 15 Like the desert
  - 16 Historic ship
  - 17 Actor Alan
  - 18 Wed in haste
  - 20 Rainspout
  - 22 Ancient instruments
  - 23 Sunburned
  - 24 Saunter
  - 28 IOU part
  - 31 Plumbing problem
  - 34 Type of poem
  - 35 Bleaters
  - 36 Air France hub
  - 37 Heir, often
  - 38 Emmets
  - 39 Part of TNT
  - 40 Nulls
  - 42 Sentimental drivel
- DOWN**
- 1 Alpine refrain
  - 2 In good time
  - 3 "Stir Crazy" star
  - 4 Sincere
  - 5 Roman poet
  - 6 Endorser's need
  - 7 Ruin a nylon
  - 8 Lessen
  - 9 Go on a rant (2 wds.)



- 10 Fabricated
- 11 General — Bradley
- 19 Bother-some
- 21 Web address
- 25 Ascended
- 26 Hound's track
- 27 Comedian Jay
- 29 Drench
- 30 Super-man's emblem
- 31 Fortune
- 32 Miscalculate
- 33 Straightening
- 35 Palette adjunct
- 40 Chaotic scene
- 41 On the wane
- 43 Take the dais
- 45 Minute amounts
- 46 Troll's cousin
- 47 Nile's land
- 48 Whimper
- 49 Muffin spread
- 50 "L' —, c'est moi"
- 51 Slow-moving beasts
- 54 GP group

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**HERMAN**



"Just how do you expect me to cook with these cheap saucepans?"

**ASTROGRAPH BY EUGENIA LAST**

Be direct, precise and detailed. Leave no room for error or misinterpretation. Take charge, speak up and follow through with your plans. Keep secrets and personal matters to yourself, and distance yourself from gossip and nosy people. Chase your dream instead of being someone's sidekick.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Alter only what's necessary. If you take on too much, you will fall short of your expectations. Know your limitations, strengths and weaknesses. Don't believe everything you hear.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Verify how much something will cost and how much you have to spend before you cut a deal. A false sense of your value or capabilities will set you back. Tread carefully!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Listen to what people say, and you'll realize who is on your side and who isn't. Keep your finger on the pulse of what's going on. Be mindful of events transpiring behind closed doors.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Be secretive regarding your plans until you have everything in place. A surprise will give you the advantage you need to come out on top. It's time to confirm how you feel about someone close to you.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Take care of your responsibilities, health and well-being. Learn all you can and prepare to renegotiate a deal that needs to be adjusted. Stick to the facts.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- Uncertainty will set in if you have too many choices. Don't be tricked into something you cannot afford. When in doubt, say no. Look inward and concentrate on being the best you can be.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Put all else aside and focus on what you do best. A chance to use your skills to stand out in a crowd will lead to interesting opportunities. A partnership will be questionable but promising.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- A change will lift your spirits. Try something you've never done before and see where it leads. A personal investment will fare better than anticipated. Don't be afraid to do things differently.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Ramp up the volume and plan to have some fun. Pour your energy into fruitful activity instead of overreacting to something you cannot change. Let others do as they please.

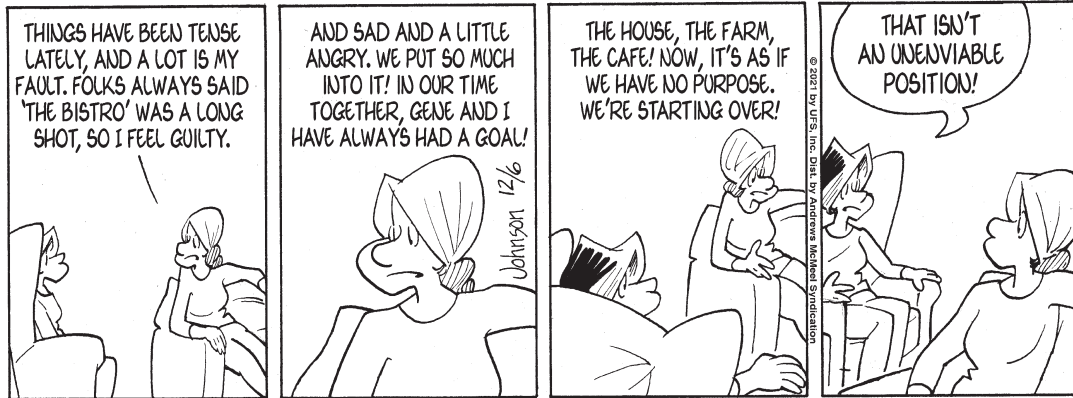
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Pay attention to the way you look and feel. Listen to others with interest and offer suggestions. Honesty is the best policy, but diplomacy will be necessary. Be tactful and kind.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Get along with friends and family. If you are hanging out at home, channel your energy into domestic improvements. Don't get involved in joint investments or shared expenses. Stick to a budget.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Change things up to make your life easier. More convenient surroundings will ease stress and give you more time to indulge in something you enjoy doing. A creative outlet will spark a moneymaking idea.

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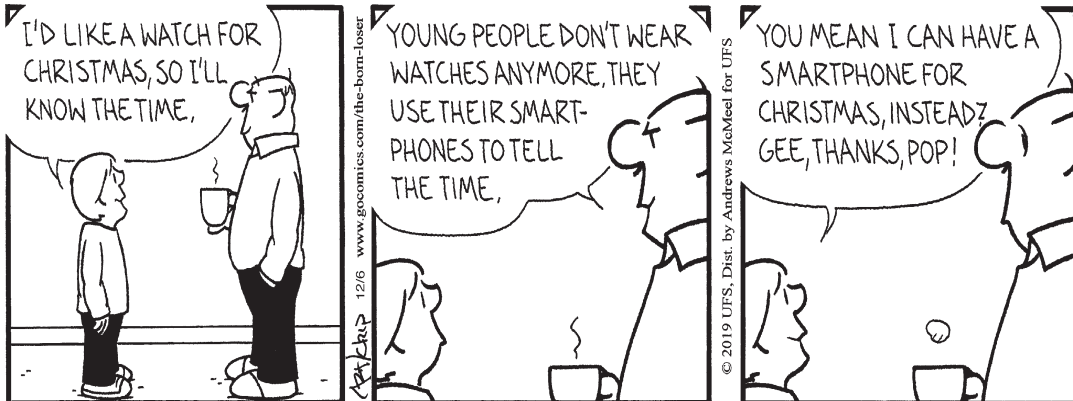
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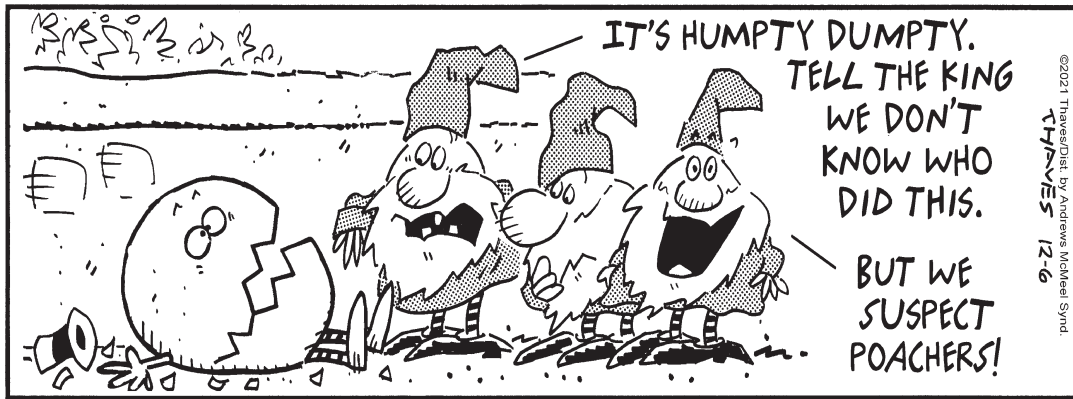
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**CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ephron of "You've Got Mail"
  - 5 Mountain passes
  - 9 Keep in shape
  - 12 Vegas numbers
  - 13 Baroness Karen
  - 14 Bother
  - 15 Hall
  - 17 Farrow of "Zelig"
  - 18 Helmsman's dir.
  - 19 Receded
  - 21 Public garden
  - 23 Plains dweller
  - 24 Sombbrero
  - 25 Evergreen trees
  - 28 Rock concert need
  - 32 PCB regulator
  - 33 Protective shelter
  - 34 Leafy cabbage
  - 35 Have confidence in
  - 37 Slip up
  - 38 Glasgow turndown
  - 39 A Guthrie
  - 40 Monster's loch
  - 42 Greenspan stat
  - 43 Mauna —
  - 45 On a rampage
  - 47 Officer wannabe
  - 50 Through
  - 51 Mouths, in biology
  - 52 Demean
  - 58 None
  - 59 Barely makes ends meet
  - 60 Prefix for second
  - 61 Jay follower
  - 62 Glassmaker —
  - 63 Gourmandizes
- DOWN**
- 1 Fall mo.
  - 2 Poetic tribute
  - 3 Hwys.
  - 4 Garden favorite
  - 5 Taunting remark
  - 6 Tempe inst.
  - 7 Sidekick
  - 8 Trapshooting
  - 9 Door frame part
  - 10 Fat cat's friend
  - 11 Egg on
  - 16 Like a moonless night
  - 20 Toucan feature
  - 21 Gazette
  - 22 In the least (2 wds.)
  - 23 Web habitues
  - 24 Greek goddess
  - 26 Helen, in Spanish
  - 27 Used to be
  - 29 Exotic fruit
  - 30 Board
  - 31 Percolate
  - 36 Coupling device
  - 41 Iceboat feature
  - 44 Knockout gas
  - 46 Bangor locale
  - 47 Hit on the noggin
  - 48 "La Traviata" highlight
  - 49 "What's My Line?" host
  - 50 Shop tool
  - 53 Small music maker
  - 54 "— in Black" (1997 film)
  - 55 Battery size
  - 56 TBS alternative
  - 57 Dawn goddess

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**"Have you ever heard of the book 'How to Be Six Inches Taller'?"**

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Look over your options and consider who you want to spend time with before making long-term plans. Being honest with yourself and others will make it easier for you to develop good relationships and satisfy your needs. Don't be shy; say what's on your mind.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Be brave and face head-on any problems you encounter. How you respond to others will determine the outcome of a situation that is holding you back. Be up-front regarding your plans.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Embrace what life has to offer and do whatever you can to make the world a better place. Take responsibility and set a high standard. Keep life simple and be a kind and loyal friend.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Consider the consequences of your actions, then assess how to proceed. Nothing is too great a challenge if you think matters through and draw on expert advice.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Lend a helping hand to a loved one. Stick to the truth, and it will help clear up uncertainty and confusion. A change in the way you handle money matters will help resolve a debt.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) -- Think for yourself. Don't let others intervene. Look at what you can do and put your energy where it counts. Stick to your budget and call on those you know you can depend on.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) -- You will thrive on change, but you must do your homework before you jump into something that looks

exciting. An opportunity is good only if you are willing to put in the time and effort required.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) -- Make yourself clear. Leave nothing to chance or in the hands of someone incompetent. Take responsibility and see matters through to the end. Don't give in to temptation. Do your own thing.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) -- Set high standards. Use your imagination, and you'll develop innovative ideas that will help you reach your goal. Refuse to let anyone talk you into spending more than necessary.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Don't let anger take charge. Set your plans in motion, and don't stop until you are satisfied with the results. A financial or contractual opportunity looks promising. Keep the peace.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Participate in events that will help you get ahead. Pursuing educational opportunities and attending networking functions will pay off. Be a good listener and an honest and loyal friend.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Change the way you handle your finances to ensure you maintain a comfortable lifestyle. A unique approach to work will help you gain respect and recognition. Share your thoughts.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Keep close tabs on your spending. Efficiency and moderation will ward off uncertainty. Personal improvement will encourage better relationships with loved ones. Romance is favored.

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# Truman football hopes to end season on strong note with bowl win

Austin Miller  
Daily Express

With his Truman career ending this weekend, fullback Jacob Morris has only one word to describe how his run has gone.

Proud.

The fifth-year senior has been a key contributor for the program since he came to Kirksville in 2017. After a career where he was a five-time all-GLVC honoree, Saturday's America's Crossroads Bowl will be the final appearance for Morris. To go from 5-6 and 6-5 campaigns his first two seasons to two of the most successful seasons in program history in 2019 and 2021, there's plenty for Morris to be proud of.

"I came in and we were 5-6 my freshman year," Morris said. "I just know I feel like, leaving this program, I'll leave it better than I found it. I'm super excited to pass the leadership on to guys like Cody (Schrader) and (Robert Greco), and I'm really excited to see everything from the outside looking in on where they're going to take the program."

When the horn sounded on Truman's (8-3) 13-10 loss to Indianapolis on Nov. 13, that was believed to have been the end of the road. But after UIndy declined the Great Lakes Valley Conference's berth in the America's Cross-

roads Bowl, Truman gladly accepted. It gives the Bulldogs a chance to wipe the bad taste away from that loss and two other disappointing results from the season, and an opportunity to defend their crown. Truman won the first instance of this bowl game in 2019 and now has a chance to win it a second time.

In their way is Hillsdale College (6-5), who the Bulldogs beat 38-24 on Sept. 18. After losing to Truman as part of an 0-3 start, the Chargers went on a roll to end the season, going 6-2 to finish.

The Chargers played that game without several players due to COVID protocols. Second string quarterback Jake Burger made his debut in that game for Hillsdale, then he and starter Luke Keller were lost to injuries. Garrit Aissen stepped in under center and started the last seven games and the Chargers have used some different packages to help him succeed.

And the Chargers defense has found an identity. Linebacker Kyle Kudla missed the first game and will be a key piece for Hillsdale to try and limit Truman running back Cody Schrader, who led Division II in rushing this season.

"Coaches have really highlighted that Hillsdale's a completely dif-

ferent team than they were Week 3," Morris said. "But with that being said, it's never been about them. It's about us and our preparation and our execution, and I think guys have bought into that and are ready to go."

In the team's first meeting, Truman ran out to a 38-3 lead before Hillsdale scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter against Truman's second unit. Schrader, the GLVC's Co-Offensive Player of the Year this season, ran for 173 yards and one touchdown, and quarterback Nolan Hair threw for 250 yards and three scores.

Truman coach Gregg Nesbitt loves the challenge of playing a team for a second time, a rare occurrence at the college level. The last time it happened for Truman came in 2017 with two meetings with Southwest Baptist. But he's not putting any stock into their first game with Hillsdale, other than the strategies they have on film. But Hillsdale has that same knowledge of the Bulldogs. Nesbitt feels both teams are pretty comparable with each other.

"I see so many similarities, even in the football, and I don't like it," Nesbitt said. "There's nothing that jumps out like, 'I know we can take advantage of this or that.' I hope they're seeing some



Truman fullback Jacob Morris runs after a catch during a game against Lindenwood this season. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

of the same things out of us because I think the two teams — it's like looking in a mirror."

This is now the fourth bowl appearance for Truman and the first time the program has gone to the postseason in consecutive years. The 2019 bowl win marked the first time a Truman team won 10 games in a season. Being able to keep padding the historical resume for the university is another aspect the players are proud of.

"I think it's a statement for the team, I think it's a statement for the alumni, and a statement for the program," said first-team all-GLVC defensive lineman Robert Greco. "The first time in history going to back-to-back bowl games — and if we can win back-to-back, that would be such a big thing for the community. I think it's a very important thing for the city of Kirksville and for us."

"I think we're established. I think a lot of people have slept on us and seen us as a lesser team. And I think we've made a statement that we are not a bad team — we are a good team," Greco said. "We want to be the best team in the GLVC. With the hard work and dedication we put into the one bowl game we've won, and potentially this one we want to win this weekend, we're going to show people we aren't a team to be messed with."

But at the same time, there is the desire to be in an even better spot. Truman's three losses were all games they could have — and maybe should have — won. There was a 31-21 loss at home to eventual conference champion Lindenwood, where the Bulldogs got out to a 14-0 lead before turnovers cost them. Then a 27-21 loss on the road at under .500 Southwest Baptist. And then the three-point loss

to UIndy.

Those losses kept Truman out of the Division II playoffs. So though this team has had a lot of success over the last few years, there's a next step it can take.

"Ever since I've really been here — 2019 was my first season and that was like the best season ever at Truman; 10-2 and the bowl game," Schrader said. "But I think for me personally, and to speak for the team, we're not happy with the bowl game. We want to go to the national playoffs and we want to make a deep run in the national playoffs. That's the mindset of this team and something we're going to hit on. Me and (Greco) coming back as leaders, that's something that we're really going to harp on."

"Bowl games are no longer going to make us happy. We want national playoffs and we want to go further to try and win something."

# Manfred, Clark divergent views point to lengthy lockout

Stephen Hawkins  
and Ronald Blum  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Hours into Major League Baseball's first work stoppage in 26 years, Commissioner Rob Manfred and union head Tony Clark presented diametrically opposed views of each side's negotiating positions that point to a lengthy lockout.

In separate news conferences less than half a day into baseball's ninth work stoppage, Manfred said the union's proposal for greater free agency and wider salary arbitration would damage small-market teams.

Clark, the first former player to head the union, accused Manfred of "misrepresentations" in his letter to fans explaining the lockout, and said "it would have been beneficial to the process to have spent as much time negotiating in the room as it appeared it was spent on the letter."

"It's unnecessary to continue the dialogue," Clark said of the lockout. "At the first instance in some time of a bumpy water, the recourse was a strategic decision to lock players out."

In many ways, after 26 1/2 years of labor peace the sides have reverted to the bitter squabbling that marked eight work stoppages from 1972-95, including a 7 1/2-month strike that wiped out the 1994 World Series.

Owners locked out players at 12:01 a.m. Thursday following the expiration of the sport's five-year collective bargaining agreement.

"If you play without an agreement, you are vulnerable to a strike at any point in time," Manfred said. "What happened in



Major League Baseball commissioner Rob Manfred speaks during a news conference in Arlington, Texas, Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021. Owners locked out players at 12:01 a.m. Thursday following the expiration of the sport's five-year collective bargaining agreement. AP PHOTO/LM OTERO

1994 is the MLBPA picked August, when we were most vulnerable because of the proximity of the large revenue dollars associated with the postseason. We wanted to take that option away and try to force the parties to deal with the issues and get an agreement now."

Players gained salary arbitration in 1974 and free agency two years later, and most of the previous disputes centered on the rise of big salaries caused by both, along with demands, mostly by small- and middle-market owners, to control costs and increase their competitive ability.

Management gained an ever-increasing series of restraints over the last two decades, such as a luxury tax on high payrolls, leading to a decrease in

average salary during the latter years of the most recent labor deal.

Now players want more liberalized free agency and arbitration, leading to a confrontation.

"It's a whole list of topics that they've told us they will not negotiate," said Bruce Meyer, the players' chief lawyer. "They will not agree, for example, to expand salary arb eligibility. They will not agree to any path for any player to achieve free agency earlier. They will not agree to anything that would allow players to have additional ways to get service time to combat service-time manipulation. They told us on all of those things they will not agree."

Since 1976, players can become free agents after six seasons of major

league service. The players' association proposed starting with the 2023-24 offseason that it changes to six years or five years and age 30.5, with the age in the second option dropping to 29.5 starting in 2025-26.

Players want arbitration eligibility to decrease to two years of service, its level until the mid-1980s.

Central to the strife is the union's anger over a larger number of teams in recent seasons jettisoning veterans in favor of rebuilding while accumulating prospects. Teams sometimes conclude rebuilding — the players call it tanking — is a preferred strategy for long-term success, even though it can rankle their fans.

"We feel our proposals would positively affect competitive balance, com-

petitive integrity," Meyer said. "We've all seen in recent years the problem with teams that don't seem to be trying their hardest to win games or put the best teams on the field."

In the signing scramble ahead of the lockout, teams committed \$1 billion to contracts on Wednesday, including six nine-figure agreements that raised the total to nine in the last month and total spending to \$2.5 billion since Oct. 1.

"The fact that this year there seems to be more activity sooner by clubs in free agency than a normal year raises more questions than it answers about all the other years," Meyer said. "One good week of free agency doesn't address all the negative trends that we've seen."

MLB would keep exist-

ing free-agency provision or change eligibility to age 29.5.

"We already have teams in smaller markets that struggle to compete," Manfred said at the Texas Rangers' ballpark, not far from the hotel where negotiations broke off. "Shortening the period of time that they control players makes it even harder for them to compete. It's also bad for fans in those markets. The most negative reaction we have is when a player leaves via free agency. We don't see that, making it earlier, available earlier, we don't see that as a positive."

The dispute threatens the start of spring training on Feb. 16 and opening day on March 31.

"The players' association, as is their right, made an aggressive set of proposals in May, and they have refused to budge from the core of those proposals," Manfred said. "Things like a shortened reserve period, a \$100 million reduction in revenue sharing and salary arbitration for the whole two-year class are bad for the sport, bad for the fans and bad for competitive balance."

An agreement by early-to-mid-March is needed for a full season.

"Speculating about drop dead deadlines at this point, not productive," Manfred said. "So I'm not going to do it."

Negotiations have made little to no progress since they began last spring. Manfred said a lockout was management's only tool to speed the process.

"People need pressure sometimes to get to an agreement," Manfred said. "Candidly, we didn't feel that sense of pressure from the other side during the course of this week."



## Kirksville wrestling splits opening night with Hickman, Rock Bridge

**Austin Miller**  
Daily Express

Dominic Cahalan couldn't wait any longer to hit the mat Tuesday night.

As the Kirksville wrestling team opened the season with a home quad, he was stuck watching for too long. Hickman was open in Cahalan's 160-pound weight class to start the evening, so he was left on the sideline to watch. He paced around and jumped up and down a bunch to stay loose.

Then he pounced when it was his time to go. Cahalan snatched Rock Bridge's Benjamin Cardetti in seconds, lifting him up for an immediate takedown. Cahalan held top control for the whole match, spinning around on top of Cardetti to maneuver his shoulders for a pin. Cahalan spent more time preparing for Tuesday's match than he did actually wrestling, getting the pin after one minute and four seconds.

"I wanted to come in aggressive ... and just set a tone for the year, then, hopefully, keep it going into this weekend at the Pleasant Hill Tournament," Cahalan said.

The Tigers split the night, getting a 60-21 win over Rock Bridge and a 40-39 loss to Hickman. Kirksville technically tied Hickman 39-39, but Hickman won the tiebreaker with most total pins.

Having a solid first night of results against



Kirksville's Dominic Cahalan holds control of Rock Bridge's Benjamin Cardetti before securing a pinfall win on Tuesday night. AUSTIN MILLER/DAILY EXPRESS

larger schools left coach James Alter pretty happy for the season opener.

"The 14 guys we put out there are going to go compete," Alter said. "Starting off the year with these bigger schools shows us that that's what we're gonna do. The effort's there. We can roll with effort."

Senior heavyweight Bryce Kertz went 2-0 on Tuesday, gritting his way to a 4-3 win over Hickman's Carrig Irelan and a snazzy pin against Rock Bridge's Kosh Oduwale in the second round.

Senior 220-pounder Colton Hannah had just one match on the night, getting a pinfall win against Hickman's Dain Almquist. Hannah's main takeaway after the match was that he needs to improve his conditioning. He said he felt tired as the match neared the end of the second round. But he also sensed his opponent was more tired than he was.

So Hannah pushed that little bit of gas he had left to get Almquist on the ground and his shoulders

flat on the mat.

"I'm glad I got him pinned at the very end of the second. I mean, I would have been pretty darn tired in the third, so I'm glad I got it done," Hannah said.

That was the first pin of the night for Kirksville, which created a big cheer for the home crowd. Hannah popped up from the floor and cheered the crowd on, happy to wrestle in front of a full home gym for the first time in two years.

"I was really proud of

myself and it just felt great to be here," Hannah said. "COVID has had a big impact on everything, and I'm just glad we can get close to some kind of somewhat normal. ... It was just awesome."

Senior veterans Chance McKim and Hunter Tarr both went 1-1 on Tuesday. Tarr secured a pinfall over Hickman's Elijah Wilcox in one minute and 43 seconds, then lost a 4-3 nail-biter to Rock Bridge's Grant Anderson. McKim got a pinfall win over Rock Bridge's Parker Diamond

in just under three minutes, but was pinned earlier by Hickman's Jacob Huggans.

Alter came away happy with what he saw out of his experienced wrestlers.

"I think they're hungry. They came out wanting to wrestle and I think that showed," Alter said. "Dominic's match against Rock Bridge, he came out on fire. Colton picked up the win against Hickman and felt the energy from the crowd. Bryce wrestled tough, and he's one who's going to grind out a six-minute match. Collectively, I thought we wrestled really well."

Of the young guys in the lineup, sophomore 138-pounder Lane Patterson had a strong outing in his lone match of the night. He was explosive against Hickman's Takyan Allen, making quick work for a pin in one minute and 12 seconds.

The Tigers head off to the Pleasant Hill Tournament this weekend, a stout stop on the calendar each year. Kirksville will get a bunch of sturdy matches, which is exactly what they want.

"That's what I want — I want tough matches all the way through," Cahalan said. "That's what's going to prepare me more for February with districts, state. So that's what I want. My mindset doesn't change. Just go out there, be aggressive, keep up the pace."

### LOCAL ROUNDUP

#### Dec. 1

##### High school girls basketball

**Scotland Co. 58, Milan 53**  
Scotland - Alayna Whitaker, 22 points; Abby Curry, 14 points; Emiley Dial, 11 points  
Milan - Cady Pauley, 40 points.

##### Putnam Co. 34, Brookfield 31

Putnam - Claire Tipton, 12 points.

##### Brashear 44, Madison 21

Brashear - Alexa Borgmeyer, 12 points, 6 rebounds; Lacey Fisher, 10 points, 10 rebounds.

##### High school boys basketball

##### Putnam Co. 67, Scotland Co. 52

Putnam - Landon Wood, 17 points; Jaden Wyant, 15 points; Zach Heidenwith, 12 points; Owen Ream, 11 points.

Scotland - Kabe Hamlin, 12 points; Owen Triplett, 11 points; Hunter Holt, 11 points.

##### Milan 49, Clark Co. 39

Milan - No stats by deadline.

#### Nov. 30

##### High school boys basketball

##### Knox Co. 49, Schuyler Co. 45

Knox - Braydon Miller, 14 points; Kellen Parish, 14 points; Nelson Shinkle, 10 points.  
Schuyler - No stats reported.

##### Salisbury 54, Macon 43

Macon - Boston Douglas, 14 points; Hayden Lovingier, 12 points.

##### Novinger 56, Macon JV 16

Novinger - No stats reported.

##### Atlanta 59, Kirksville JV 45

Atlanta - Roman Phillips, 22 points; Landon Gilliland, 21 points.

##### High school girls basketball

##### Schuyler Co. 87, Knox Co. 17

Schuyler - Kait Hatfield, 18 points; MaKinley Aeschliman, 14 points; Sidney Aeschliman, 12 points; Jacie Morris, 12 points; Tralyn

Wilson, 10 points.

Knox - Jen Hinkle, 6 points.

##### Macon JV 39, Brashear 35

Brashear - Kynleigh White, 11 points, 5 steals.

##### Atlanta, Kirksville JV

Atlanta - Kyley Magers, 26 points; Aymee Young, 10 points.

##### Macon 51, Salisbury 43

Macon - Lexi Miller, 28 points; Shelby Petre, 9 points.

#### Nov. 29

##### High school boys basketball

##### Green City 84, Madison 13

Green City - Aaron Peavler, 16 points; Xander Salas, 15 points; Asher Buggs-Tipton, 13 points; Laydon Fields, 11 points.

##### Scotland Co. 63, Clark Co. 39

Scotland - Kabe Hamlin, 14 points; Xavier Lucas, 12 points.

##### Putnam Co. 77, Milan 56

Putnam - Landon Wood, 27 points; Zach Heidenwith, 20 points; Owen Ream, 12 points; Jaden Wyant, 11 points.

Milan - Chekh Niase, 13 points.

##### Brashear 53, Grundy Co. 43

Brashear - Brandon Jochimsen, 23 points, 11 rebounds; Lucas Keller, 12 points, 10 rebounds.

##### High school girls basketball

##### Green City 54, Madison 25

Green City - Celeste Athon, 20 points; Lily Helton, 15 points.

##### Scotland Co. 48, Brookfield 18

Scotland - No stats reported.

##### Milan 45, Putnam Co. 41

Milan - Cady Pauley, 30 points.  
Putnam - Claire Tipton, 27 points.

##### Novinger 47, Grundy Co. 32

Novinger - Abbi Fountain, 14 points; Kaylee Bishop, 14 points; Kelsey Frederick, 12 points.

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